

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 3, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-17 remain pending in the application and stand restricted as follows:

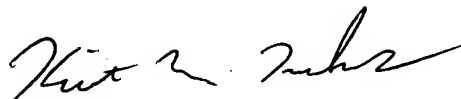
Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to a method of etching metal film, and

Group II, claims 18-20, drawn to a product of a semiconductor device.

Groups I and II are asserted to be distinct on grounds that the product can be made by steps that are obvious in the art of semiconductor device fabrication.

Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-17, and has canceled claims 18-20. Further consideration of claims 1-17 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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